

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 6, 2010. Claims 3, 6, and 12 are in the application, all of which are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,497,997 (Glezer). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Glezer in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,378,428 (Farina). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 3, 6, and 12 recite, *inter alia*, a cell culture substrate having at least one area for culturing a cell on a substrate, wherein the culturing area comprises an area for holding a biologically active substance having a biological activity to the cell and an area for immobilizing a biologically active substance having a biological activity to the cell.

Neither Glezer nor Farina, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

Glezer is merely seen to describe an “assay” cartridge. As such, Glezer is not seen to describe culturing a cell in such a cartridge, even if the cartridge has a holding area and an immobilizing area. Particularly, Glezer is not seen to disclose or suggest culturing a cell in the pill zone of his assay cartridge.

Farina is not seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Glezer.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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